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**Intelligence Community Staff**

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary  
of Defense (Communications, Command,  
Control and Intelligence)

FROM : [REDACTED]  
Director of Performance Evaluation and  
Improvement

SUBJECT : Memorandum of Understanding on the  
Provision of Military Operational  
Information for the Production of a  
National Intelligence Situation Report

1. Attached is the revised Memorandum of Understanding which includes changes to paragraph 2 based on comments in your memorandum of 22 November. Also attached is a copy of my memorandum to you of 1 December which provides the rationale for our wording in paragraph 2.

2. Since so much time has passed and some of the players have changed, I would appreciate your finding out whether the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, would be willing to sign the Memorandum of Understanding as it is currently drafted. I will be exploring this same question through channels here.

3. If I receive an affirmative answer from you, I will propose that the DCI forward the Memorandum of Understanding for signature. Once signed, we will be in a position to forward the National Intelligence Situation Report procedures to the principals of the National Foreign Intelligence Board (NFIB) for concurrence.

**Attachments:**

Tab A - Memorandum of Understanding  
dated 23 March 1977

Tab B - IC 76-2433, dated  
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

SUBJECT: Provision of Military Operational Information for  
the Production of a National Intelligence Situation  
Report

Background

The National Security Council's Contingency Planning Group has requested the Director of Central Intelligence to take measures to produce a single National Intelligence Situation Report for the President and other senior consumers during crises, or when international events or the needs of the NSC so demand. The National Intelligence Situation Report is intended to be an all-source product, coordinated within the Intelligence Community, which summarizes all relevant military and political information bearing on the situation. The Report will be produced by an interagency task force drawn from among the principal producing agencies of the Intelligence Community, i.e., CIA, DIA, State/INR, and NSA. The Director of Central Intelligence is responsible for determining when a National Intelligence Situation Report is to be produced and for appointing one of the producing agencies to serve as his executive agent for the production effort.

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to ensure (1) that the facts and analytical judgments presented in the National Intelligence Situation Report take into account all relevant operational information pertaining to the disposition and employment of U.S. military forces and (2) that the provision of military operational information to the National Intelligence Situation Report Task Force does not in any way conflict with the responsibilities of the Joint Chiefs of Staff as the principal military advisors to the President or with the responsibilities and authority of the Secretary of Defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff to provide direct advice to the President on all military matters.

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Agreement

In consideration of these requirements and conditions, the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Director of Central Intelligence agree as follows:

1. That the Joint Chiefs of Staff will provide to the National Intelligence Situation Report Task Force all relevant information related to ongoing movements and operations of U.S. military forces and approved plans for future movements and operations. This information is to be provided with the understanding that, unless specifically precluded by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, it may be included in the National Intelligence Situation Report for the President and other senior Government officials and that it may also be disseminated as necessary within the Intelligence Community.

2. That the Joint Chiefs of Staff will inform the Director of Central Intelligence of all relevant information concerning U.S. military plans, movements, and operations which are under consideration, but which have not been approved. Such information will not be disseminated to National Intelligence Situation Report Task Forces.

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Secretary of Defense

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General, U.S. Air Force  
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary  
of Defense (Intelligence)/Director of  
Defense Intelligence

FROM:

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Director of Performance Evaluation and  
Improvement

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SUBJECT:

Provision of Military Operational Information  
for the Production of a National Intelli-  
gence Situation Report

1. In re your memorandum of 22 November regarding the draft understanding on operational information, the Joint Staff's concern with the potential for inadvertent dissemination is, of course, shared by us. Therefore, we are prepared to accommodate the Director's reservations, assuming the phrase "eyes only basis" in your memorandum is not meant to be taken absolutely literally. Clearly, the DCI, in discharging his responsibilities, must have discretionary authority to extend need to know to a very limited number of key people in his organization, such as the NIO principally involved in the crisis at hand.

2. If the foregoing is acceptable to the Joint Staff, I would propose the following be substituted for paragraph 2 of subject Agreement:

2. That the Joint Chiefs of Staff will inform the Director of Central Intelligence of all relevant information concerning U.S. military plans, movements, and operations which are under consideration, but which have not been approved. Such information will not be disseminated to National Intelligence Situation Report Task Forces.

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